newspaper "The Hindu" dated 14th April, 2002 is actually regarding submission of the report to the National Commission on Labour by one of the Study Groups set up by the Commission, that is, the Study Group on "Skill Development, Training and Workers Education" and release of its recommendation. The Commission is yet to take a view on the report of this Study Group in framing its recommendations. The Commission is expected to submit its report to the Government by 15.06.2002

Strike Call by Central Trade Union

4594. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the Central Trade Unions announced their resolve to observe strike on April 16, 2002 in protest against Government's "Anti-Workers" policies; and

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action to start talks with the representatives of the Union to avert such strikes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Seven Central Trade Unions had announced their resolve to observe strike on April 16, 2002.

(b) The Chief Labour Commissioner's Office intervened in respect of the strike notices received by them and held conciliation proceedings with a view to avert the strike. However, the strike could not be averted as the unions stuck to their demands.

Summary termination of coal company workers

4595. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a provison for summary termination of workers in some coal companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken to abolish such an impugned order?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Deployment of unemployed youths in centrally-sponsored programmes

4596. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to deploy unemployed youths in Centrally-sponsored programmes like pulse polio, census preparation of voter list, etc. under Central/State Governments Schemes;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Centrally-Sponsored Programmes like Pulse Polio, Census, Preparation of Voter List, etc. are implemented by the State/UT Government through State Government Employees, NGO Volunteers etc.

Labour productivity

†4597. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's position has come down to the seventh place in Asia in the field of labour productivity as per Analysis Report of Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.